

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: LIAISON OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Operation/Exercise Name: SPMAGTF LOS ANGELES 92 Observed: 01 May 1992

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

During this civil disturbance operation, the supported law enforcement agencies required a lot of coordination and constant updates on Marine missions.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Liaison officers were placed with the Compton Police department to facilitate coordination. Additionally, the police chief or his representative attended a daily operations meeting. This close liaison was invaluable in coordinating missions, collecting information on gang activities, and keeping everyone situationally aware.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

A Marine Liaison Officer should be placed at each echelon where lateral coordination with law enforcement agencies might be required. For a regiment, that would mean an officer with each police department that has jurisdiction within the AO. For the MAGTF, that would mean a liaison officer with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Additionally, liaison officers should be placed with adjacent federal units (Army and National Guard).

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Augment staffs with appropriate officers to act as liaison officers with law enforcement agencies, as well as adjacent units.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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